

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 CARACA 10754 072034Z

22

ACTION EB-07

INFO OCT-01 ARA-06 ISO-00 MCT-01 CAB-02 CIAE-00 COME-00

DODE-00 DOTE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 CIEP-01 FAA-00 SY-05

IO-13 SS-15 NSC-05 SP-02 L-03 TRSE-00 /068 W

----- 013981

R 071950Z SEP 76

FM AMEMBASSY CARACAS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4669

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE CARACAS 10754

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, VE

SUBJECT: TERRORIST ATTACKS AND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SECURITY

REF: STATE 212490

1. EMBASSY OFFICER DISCUSSED INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SECURITY WITH MARIANO TIRADO, CHIEF OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS SECTION, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, REGARDING CONDITIONS IN VENEZUELAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS. TIRADO OF OPINION THAT AIRPORT SECURITY IS ADEQUATE BUT IN VIEW OF LACK OF LOCAL INCIDENTS, TIRADO FEELS PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN AIRPORT SECURITY HAVE A RELAXED ATTITUDE REGARDING THE MATTER. ACCORDING TO TIRADO, INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SECURITY COMES UNDER AT LEAST TWO VENEZUELAN POLICE ENTITIES. PERIMETER SECURITY; CONTROL OF CUSTOMS AREA AND BUILDING SECURITY COMES UNDER THE GUARDIA NACIONAL, WHILE PASSENGER SCREENING IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF DIRECCION INTELIGENCIA SERVICIO DE PREVENCIÓN (DISIP). IN ADDITION, TIRADO SAID THAT THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT HAD MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE AN UNARMED GERMAN OFFICIAL ENGAGED IN PASSENGER SCREENING FOR ALL LUFTHANSA DEPARTURES AND ARRIVALS.

2. EMBASSY EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN THAT HOLDERS OF DIPLO-
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 CARACA 10754 072034Z

MATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORTS ARE NOT SUBJECT TO ROUTINE

EXAMINATION PROCEDURES ON BOARDING, OTHER PASSENGERS
APPEAR TO BE EXAMINED BY MAGNETOMETERS AND OTHER
SCREENING DEVICES AS WELL AS, OCCASIONALLY, BODY SEARCH.

3. ACCESS TO IN-TRANSIT PASSENGER LOUNGES AND OTHER
NORMALLY RESTRICTED AREAS IS NORMALLY AFFORDED MEMBERS
OF DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY, HIGHER RANKING GOV OFFICIALS
AND VERY FEW OTHERS.

4. TIRADO SAID THAT DESPITE ADEQUACY OF SECURITY
PROCEDURES HE WOULD ASCERTAIN FROM APPROPRIATE GOV
OFFICERS WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS INTEREST IN TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE TO ENHANCE OVERALL SECURITY.
VAKY

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: SECURITY, TERRORISTS, AIRPORTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 07 SEP 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: blochd0
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976CARACA10754
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760338-0861
From: CARACAS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760987/aaaacwjf.tel
Line Count: 75
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EB
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 STATE 212490
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: blochd0
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 21 JUL 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <21 JUL 2004 by ShawDG>; APPROVED <02 NOV 2004 by blochd0>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: TERRORIST ATTACKS AND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SECURITY
TAGS: EAIR, PINS, VE
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006